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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE-HOANG THI LE VAN

REF: A) STATE 021903, B) BUENOS AIRES 1957

1. HOANG THI LE VAN, BORN 5/4/38 AT NAM DIN, VIETNAM, SAID THE FOLLOWING DURING HER INTERVIEW WITH CONSULAR OFFICER. SHE AND SON, HOANG VAN KIM, BORN 9/28/68, VIETNAM, HAVE BEEN LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES SINCE OCT 1971. SHE CAME IN ORDER TO HELP A KOREAN PHOTOGRAPHER (JONG YUG KIM) AS CLERK, BUT HE COULD NOT GET PERMISSION TO OPEN SHOP HERE. ACCORDINGLY, HE HAD TO SEND HIS SIX KOREAN HELPERS BACK TO KOREA. HE NEVERTHELESS, ALTHOUGH HE HAS A WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN, HAS BEEN GIVING HER AND HER SON A LIVING ALLOWANCE. HER RELATIVES IN USA INCLUDE BROTHER-IN-LAW LE XUAN QUINH, SISTER HOANG THI LE LAP, THEIR TWO SONS, ONE AUNT AND ONE NEPHEW, ALL IN TERRYVILLE, CONN., AND A BROTHER IN ARKANSAS. SHE ALSO HAS A SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW IN FRANCE. SHE LIKES LABORATORY WORK BUT IS WITHOUT TRAINING IN IT. SHE CAN DO OFFICE WORK INCLUDING TYPING, BUT KNOWS NO SHORTHAND. SHE HAS INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY HER PASSAGE FROM ARGENTINA BUT BELIEVES HER KOREAN CHIEF MIGHT BE ABLE TO PAY FOR IT.

2. WE NOTE (A) HER LONG STAY IN ARGENTINA (SINCE 1971), (B) FACT THAT ANY HARDSHIPS SHE NOW EXPERIENCING NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO VIETNAMESE WAR, AND (C) EXISTENCE OF OTHER RELATIVES IN USA THAN QUYNH LE XUAN, AND OF SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-
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LAW IN FRANCE, CONTRARY TO QUYNH LE XUAN'S ASSERTION. ACCORD-

INGLY, WE NOT RPT NOT INCLINED RECOMMENDED PAROLE.

3. BEFORE DEPART. REACHES DECISION, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DELAY TO PERMIT US CALL HER IN AGAIN TO DETERMINE (A) HER LEGAL STATUS IN ARGENTINA AND (B) NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVES IN FRANCE, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY OVERLOOKED DURING INTERVIEW. IF DEPT. WISHES OTHER INFORMATION OBTAINED AT SECOND INTERVIEW, PLEASE ADVISE.

4. LUTHERAN COUNCIL, 315 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10010 (PHONE: 212-677-3950) INTERESTED. MIGHT BE BETTER HOWEVER, NOT TO CONTACT COUNCIL UNTIL WE HAVE HAD SECOND INTERVIEW.
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